

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification please substitute the following numbered paragraph for the same numbered paragraph:

[0060] The bellyband 410 is a housing that follows the surface of the cutting drum 418 to guide reduced material to the transition 414. The bellyband 410 preferably begins adjacent to the anvil 420 and follows an arc A around the cutting drum 418. The arc A is defined as beginning where chipping takes place (the material/blade contact plane) measured from a line beginning parallel to the infeed at a height of the center of the drum, which is defined as 0 degrees. The point or plane of the arc A directly opposite the cutting point this line is then defined herein as 180 degrees. The bellyband provides a space between the bellyband and the cutting drum for chips to travel in. The bellyband may have a front wall and a set of sidewalls. The bellyband preferably conforms with the shape of the cutting drum. In a preferred embodiment hereof, where the cutting drum is tapered, the bellyband is formed with a multi-sided, and/or multi angled front wall 422 that conforms to the angle of the tapered drum. For example, if the drum is 'bow tie' shaped in cross-section, or tapered toward a middle section, the bellyband will have a wall with surface having a 'v-shaped' cross-section. The space between the bellyband and the cutting drum is preferably uniform or substantially uniform along the length and width of the bellyband. The clearance of the bellyband from the cutting implements is preferably 1/8th of an inch or less and more preferably 1/16th of an inch or less. The bellyband preferably extends along less than 180 degrees, more preferably extends along less than 135 degrees, more preferably extends along less than the 120 degrees and more preferably less than 95 degrees of the arc A. The bellyband preferably extends along at least 90 degrees of the arc A. In relative terms, the bellyband preferably extends to the point (or plane) of the arc that includes the lowest point of the cutting drum, but is preferably less than 10 degrees past this point. The bellyband 410 terminates at the transition 414.